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HOUSE OF M

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Magneto has lost the war against ordinary humans for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda, the Scarlet Witch, suffer a loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality. Quicksilver, Wanda's brother Pietro, pleads with their estranged father to help her.

Mutant leader Charles Xavier, who is unable to help the Scarlet Witch, gathers the Avengers and the X-Men to decide how to proceed. The heroes are not convinced that killing Wanda is the only solution, so they travel to the mutant nation of Genosha to confront her, in the hope of discovering what it is that she wants.

When they get to the island, Wanda is missing, as are Magneto and Pietro.

Then the world burns to white.

HOUSE OF M

When Wolverine awakens, he discovers that reality as he knew it is gone...

...replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

Psychic therapist Emma Frost and Scott Summers live happily in Connecticut.

New York City's Hell's Kitchen is widely known as Sapien Town, where the worst elements of normal humanity congregate, led by underworld overlord Luke Cage. Danny Rand (a.k.a. Iron Fist), Misty Knight, Marc Spector (a.k.a. Moon Knight), Angela Del Toro (a.k.a. White Tiger), Felicia Hardy (a.k.a. Black Cat), and the Sons of the Tiger form the nucleus of the Human Resistance Movement.

Wolverine himself is the premiere operative of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s elite Red Guard unit and is romantically involved with his fellow agent, Mystique.

Wolverine is the only person who remembers the way the world used to be. He escapes from the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier, their flying mobile base, and tries to piece together what has happened. The rest of the Red Guard are sent after him and almost overwhelm him, but at the last moment, Logan is kidnapped by Cloak of Luke Cage's underground resistance...

...and finds himself held at arrow-point by the long-dead Avenger Hawkeye.

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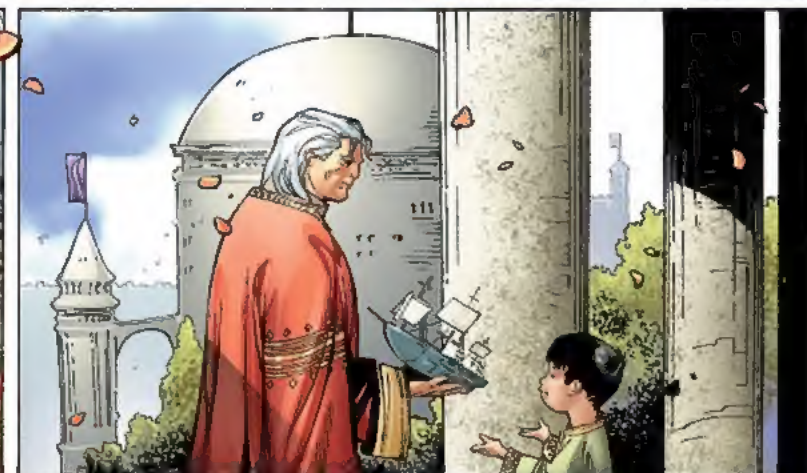
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HELL'S KITCHEN,
NEW YORK CITY

DO WHAT
THE MAN SAID!
WE KNOW YOU'RE
S.H.I.E.L.D.!! YOU'RE
SHAW'S RED GUARD
ARMY!!

YOU CALLED
ME CAGE. HOW
DO YOU KNOW
MY NAME?

THERE'S A
TRACKER DEVICE
IN THE BACK OF
YOUR NECK. TELLS
THE EYE IN THE
SKY WHERE
YOU ARE.

PULL IT
OUT OR I
DO IT FOR
YOU.

CAGE, I
NEED YOU TO
CALM EVERYONE
DOWN SO I
CAN--

FINE.

CHUNK

FUMP

BARTON!!

I'M
DONE TAKING
CHANCES WITH
THESE MUTANTS.
WE NEED TO--

WHAT DID
I SAY?? YOU
DIDN'T EVEN
GIVE HIM...

...A
CHANCE.



HAWKEYE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON HERE? DO YOU?

DO YOU?

WE NEED TO--

I THOUGHT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES--



CLINT, THERE'S A KID HERE!!

THAT TRACKER WAS GOING TO BRING THE RED ARMY RIGHT UP OUR--



UH, GUYS?



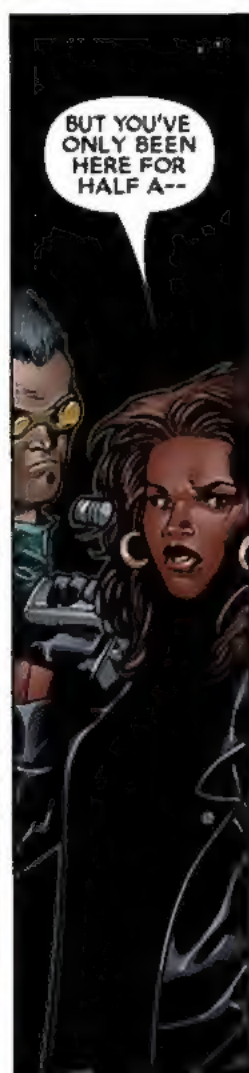
GUYS, I THINK HE'S GETTING--

THERE'S A LOT RIDING ON--

I KNOW. AND I'M DONE TAKING CHANCES ON--!!



HE'S AWAKE.





SAPIEN TARGETS
LOCATION STATUS
UNKNOWN.
COMMIT AND
FOLLOW THROUGH
NOT APPLIED.

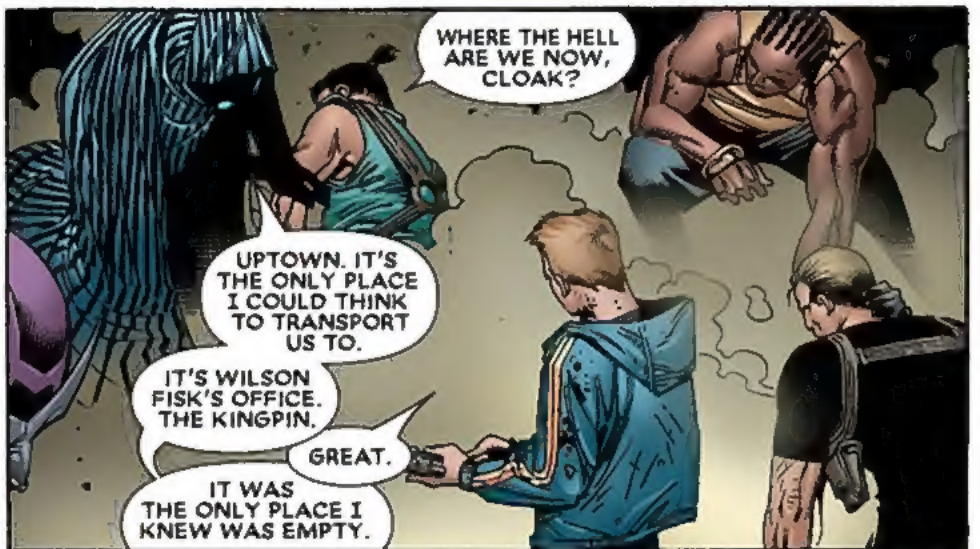
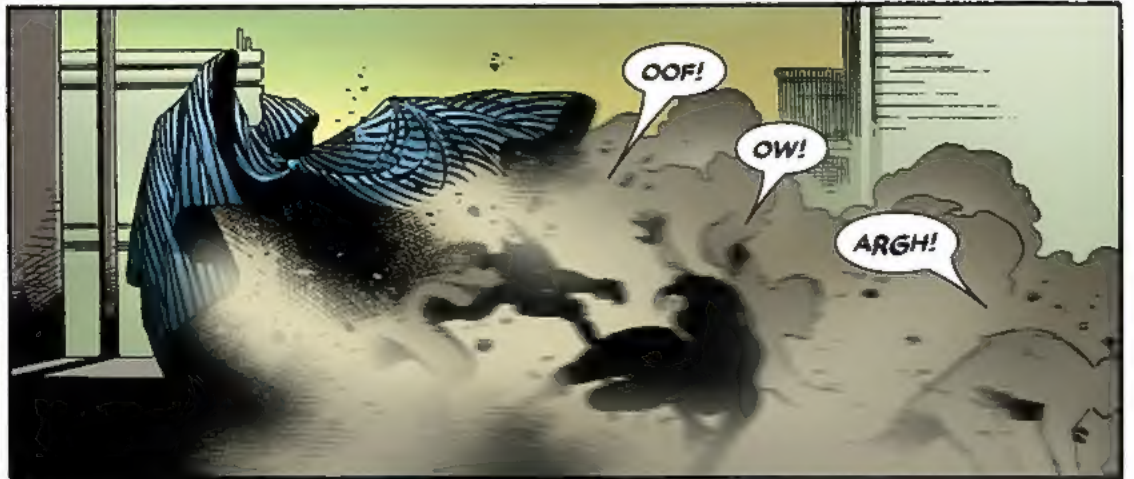
SAPIEN TARGETS
IDENTIFIED.

SAPIEN TARGETS
LOCKED.

ACTION
INITIATED.

ACTION
INITIATED.

SHAZZAZZABOOM





WE DIDN'T
ALL MAKE
IT.

I--I GRABBED
AS MANY AS I
COULD.

I WASN'T
BLAMIN' YA,
TY. YOU DID
GOOD.

I'LL GO
BACK.

NO.

ABE AND THE
OTHERS MIGHT
HAVE GOTTEN
OUT.



YEAH,
SURE.



MISTY.
DAMN IT.

YOU NEED
A MINUTE,
LUKE?

MUTANT,
YOU BETTER
HAVE BEEN
WORTH IT.



CAGE, WHAT
DO YOU THINK
IS GOING ON
HERE?

WHAT DO YOU
THINK IS GOING
ON HERE?

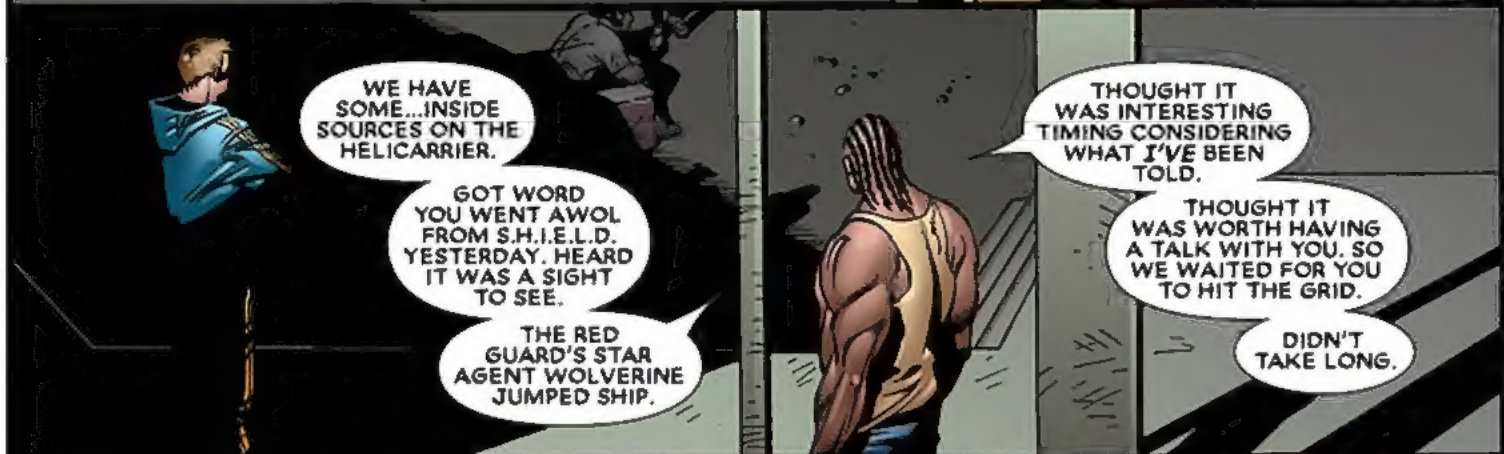
I THINK I KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT IS
GOING ON HERE. BUT
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE
GOING TO BELIEVE
ME.

TRY ME.

D'YOU
KNOW
ME?

NOPE.

THEN WHY DID
YOU PICK ME UP?
WHY DID YOU
COME GET ME?



WE HAVE
SOME...INSIDE
SOURCES ON THE
HELICARRIER.

GOT WORD
YOU WENT AWOL
FROM S.H.I.E.L.D.
YESTERDAY. HEARD
IT WAS A SIGHT
TO SEE.

THE RED
GUARD'S STAR
AGENT WOLVERINE
JUMPED SHIP.

THOUGHT IT
WAS INTERESTING
TIMING CONSIDERING
WHAT I'VE BEEN
TOLD.

THOUGHT IT
WAS WORTH HAVING
A TALK WITH YOU. SO
WE WAITED FOR YOU
TO HIT THE GRID.

DIDN'T
TAKE LONG.



YOU DON'T
REMEMBER THAT
WE'RE BOTH
AVENGERS?

WHAT'S AN
AVENGER?



I'LL TELL YOU. I'LL SAY IT TO SAY IT, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE IT.

UP UNTIL TWO DAYS AGO, I WAS ONE OF THE X-MEN, AND I WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THESE NEW AVENGERS.

WHICH MEANS NOTHIN' TO YOU BECAUSE YOU DON'T REMEMBER THAT THERE WERE OLD AVENGERS.

I LIVED IN A WORLD WHERE MUTANTS WERE A MINORITY, AND THE X-MEN WORKED TO BUILD A PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN THE GROWING MUTANT POPULATION AND THE REGULAR PEOPLE...

...WHO NEVER SEEM TO RUN OUT OF REASONS TO BE TERRIFIED OF US.



CAN'T SAY IT WAS A LIFE I WAS THRILLED WITH, BUT WE WERE MAKING THE MOST OF IT.

I HAD A LOT OF CRAP HAPPEN TO ME. I HAD AN ANTI-MUTANT GOVERNMENT PROGRAM GIVE ME THESE...

SNKT

...AGAINST MY WILL.

YIKES!

I'VE BEEN MIND-WIPED SO MANY TIMES THAT I ACTUALLY DON'T REMEMBER WHERE I CAME FROM OR HOW OLD I AM.



NOW THAT I THINK OF IT--THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE I'VE POPPED MY CORK ALTOGETHER AND THIS IS IT.

(BUT AS LONG AS I'M HERE...)

ONE OF THE X-MEN'S BIGGEST PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD WAS ERIC MAGNUS.

MAGNETO. BECAUSE HE HAD MAGNET--

EVERYONE KNOWS WHO HE IS.

WELL, HE HAD A COUPLE OF KIDS.

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT TOO.

WANDA--



THE HUMAN ONE.



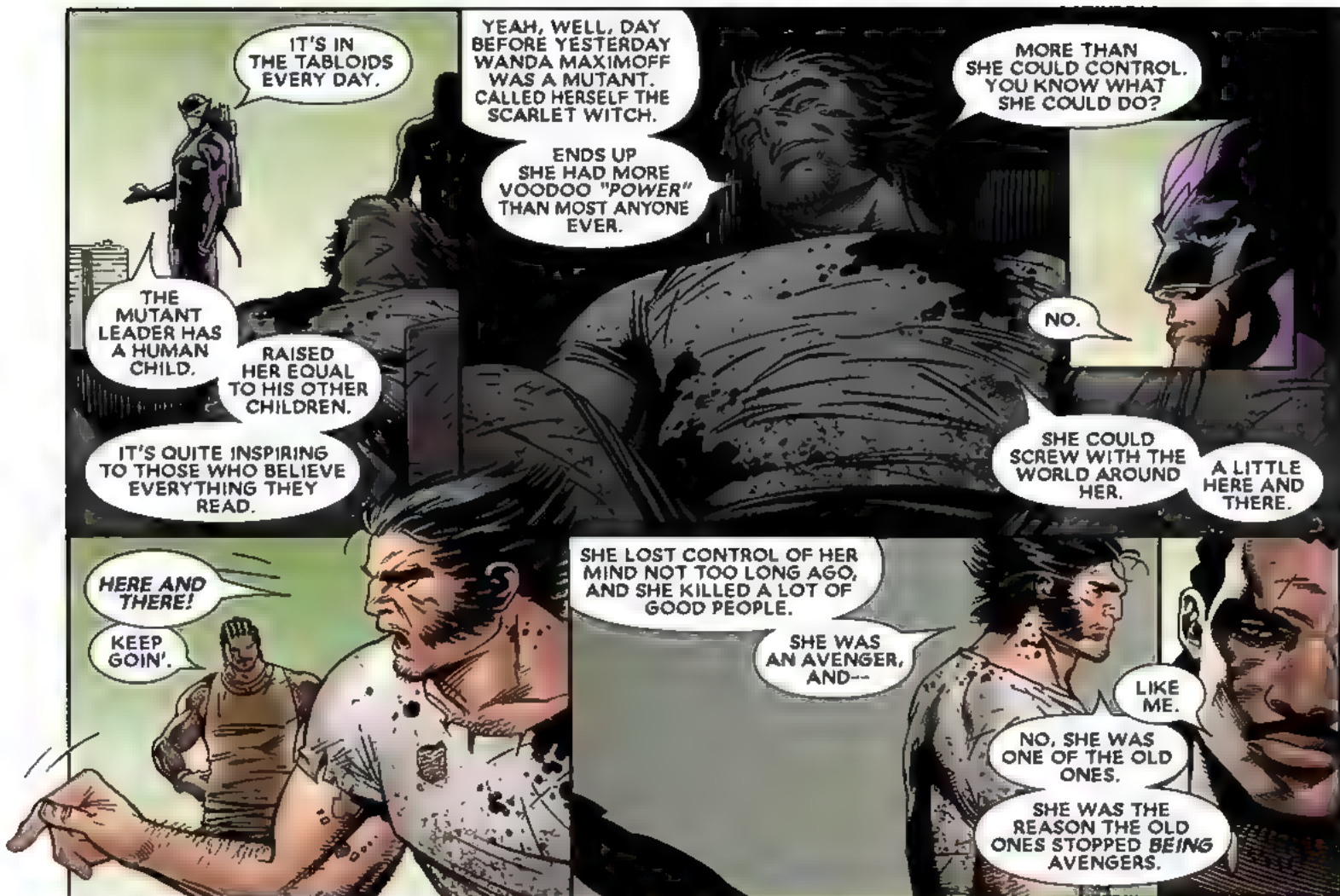
WHAT?

PIETRO, LORNA AND WANDA.

WANDA IS THE HUMAN ONE.



THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?



IT'S IN THE TABLOIDS EVERY DAY.

YEAH, WELL, DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY WANDA MAXIMOFF WAS A MUTANT. CALLED HERSELF THE SCARLET WITCH.

ENDS UP SHE HAD MORE VOODOO "POWER" THAN MOST ANYONE EVER.

MORE THAN SHE COULD CONTROL. YOU KNOW WHAT SHE COULD DO?

NO.

SHE COULD SCREW WITH THE WORLD AROUND HER.

A LITTLE HERE AND THERE.

THE MUTANT LEADER HAS A HUMAN CHILD.

RAISED HER EQUAL TO HIS OTHER CHILDREN.

IT'S QUITE INSPIRING TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE EVERYTHING THEY READ.

HERE AND THERE!

KEEP GOIN'.

SHE LOST CONTROL OF HER MIND NOT TOO LONG AGO, AND SHE KILLED A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE.

SHE WAS AN AVENGER, AND--

LIKE ME.

NO, SHE WAS ONE OF THE OLD ONES.

SHE WAS THE REASON THE OLD ONES STOPPED BEING AVENGERS.

SHE WENT NUTS OR SOMETHIN', AND SHE ATTACKED HER OWN TEAM.

KILLED HALF OF 'EM.

TWO DAYS AGO, THE X-MEN AND THE AVENGERS GOT TOGETHER TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH HER--

--SHE WAS OUT OF CONTROL AND OUT OF HER MIND.

SHE MURDERED ALL THESE FAMOUS SUPER HEROES...

SO WE WENT OFF TO GENOSHA WHERE MAGNETO WAS KEEPING HER, AND WHEN WE DID... THE WORLD WENT WHITE, AND I WOKE UP TO THIS.

WHITE?

MAGNETO TURNED HIMSELF FROM EXILED MASS MURDERER TO KING OF THE WORLD.

THERE AIN'T NO X-MEN, THERE AIN'T NO AVENGERS.

MUTANTS RUN THE PLACE. A DAMN MUTANT UTOPIA.

YEAH. UPSIDE DOWN AND SIDWAYS. ON EVERY LEVEL.

AND I GOT YOU OF ALL PEOPLE STICKIN' ARROWS IN MY NECK.

WHAT ABOUT ME? WHAT WAS I BEFORE THE WORLD WENT WHITE?





WE WERE
JUST TRYING TO KEEP
THE BALANCE...FROM
UNDERGROUND.

TRYING TO MAKE
SURE SAPIENS GET
SOME SORT OF FAIR
SHAKE IN THE
WORLD.



THAT SURE
SOUNDS LIKE
WHAT YOU
WOULD DO.

AND YOU.

AND YOU
TOO.

YOU
KNOW ALL
OF US?

YEAH, DANNY.
THE IRON FIST.
I KNOW YOU.

SO WHAT DO WE HAVE
TO DO TO PUT THE WORLD
BACK THE WAY IT WAS?



YOU
BELIEVE
ME?

YEAH.

WHY?

SEE THAT
GIRL?

YESTERDAY
THAT GIRL WALKED
UP TO ME OUT OF
THE BLUE AND SAID
EXACTLY WHAT YOU
JUST SAID.

X-MEN,
AVENGERS,
HAWKEYE
DIED...

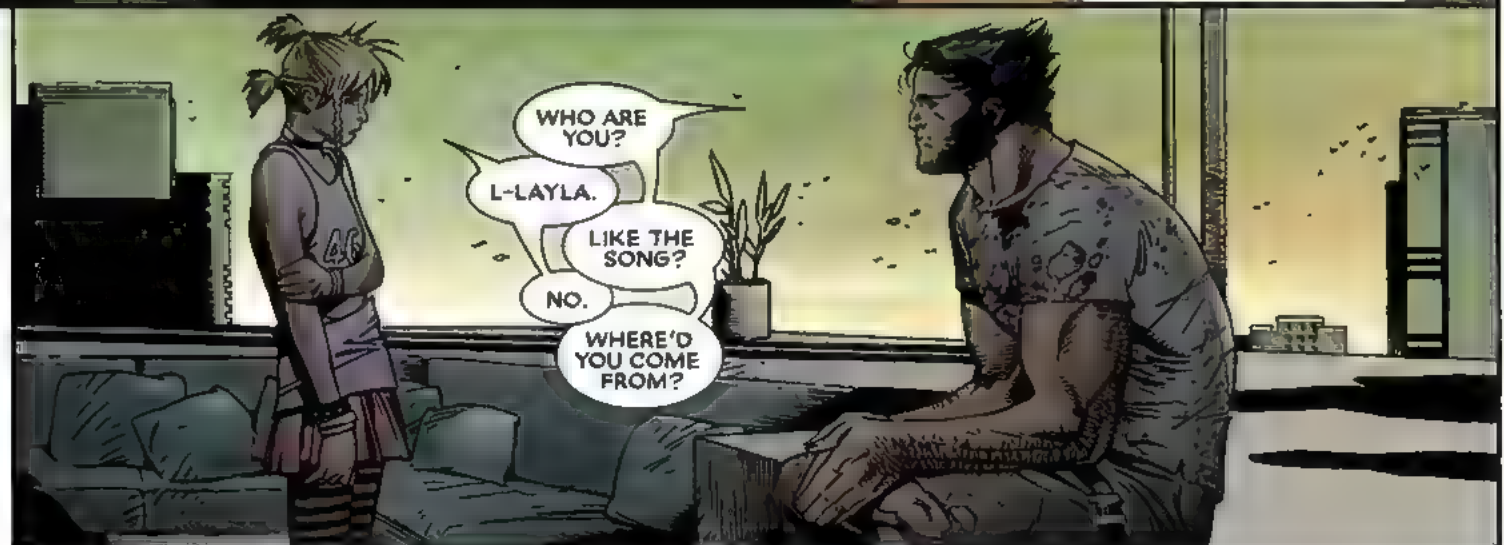


SHE DIDN'T KNOW HOW
IT HAPPENED, BUT SHE
KNEW IT HAPPENED.

IN DETAIL.
EVERY SINGLE
THING.

THEN I SAW IT
MYSELF. MY KID
COMING. MY GIRL. MY
LIFE THAT ISN'T THIS.
I COULD SEE IT IN
MY MIND.

AS CLEAR AS ANYTHING
I HAVE EVER SEEN. OR
SMELLED. OR ANYTHING.



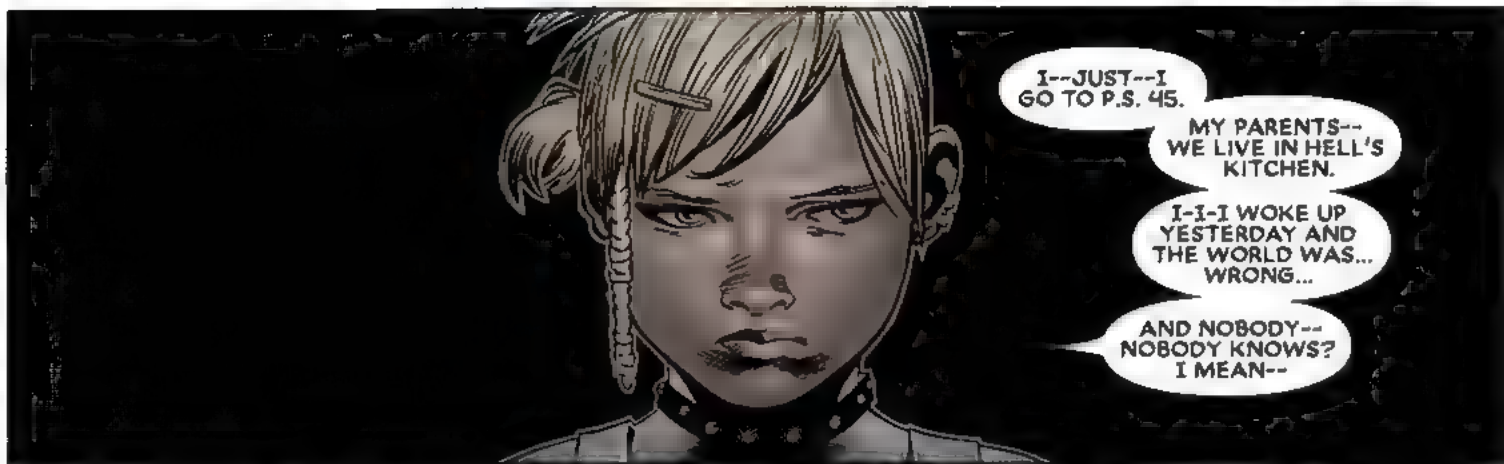
WHO ARE
YOU?

L-LAYLA.

LIKE THE
SONG?

NO.

WHERE'D
YOU COME
FROM?



I--JUST--I
GO TO P.S. 45.

MY PARENTS--
WE LIVE IN HELL'S
KITCHEN.

I-I-I WOKE UP
YESTERDAY AND
THE WORLD WAS...
WRONG...

AND NOBODY--
NOBODY KNOWS?
I MEAN--



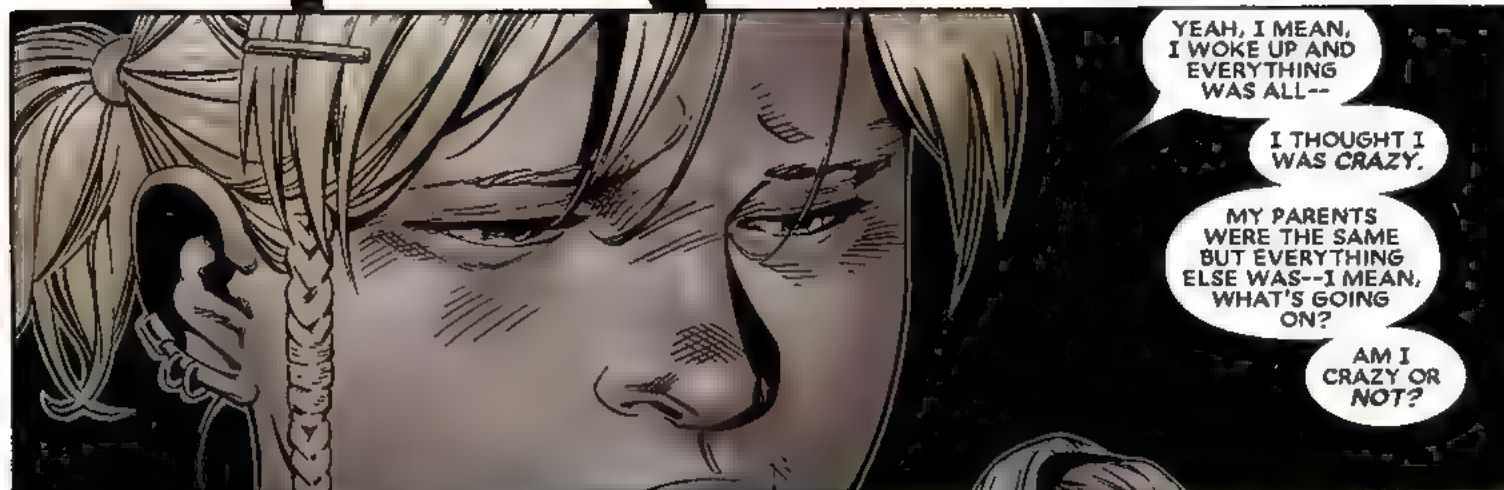
CAN YOU
HEAR WHAT I'M
THINKING?



I--WHAT?
NO.

WHAT?

BUT
YOU REMEMBER
EVERYTHING.



YEAH, I MEAN,
I WOKE UP AND
EVERYTHING
WAS ALL--

I THOUGHT I
WAS CRAZY.

MY PARENTS
WERE THE SAME
BUT EVERYTHING
ELSE WAS--I MEAN,
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

AM I
CRAZY OR
NOT?



YOU'RE NOT
CRAZY.

YOU
SURE?

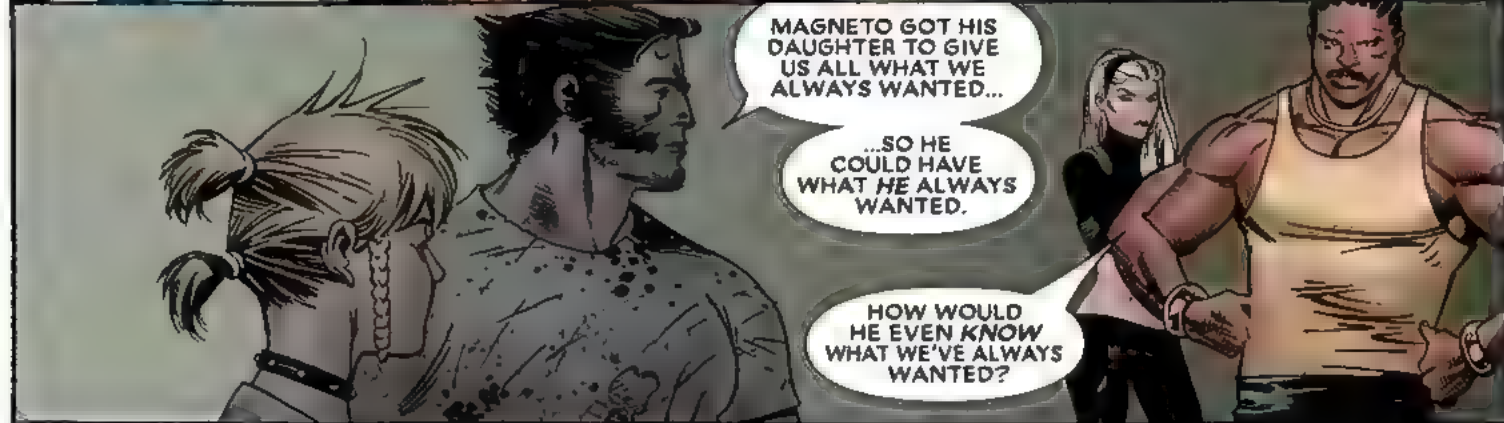
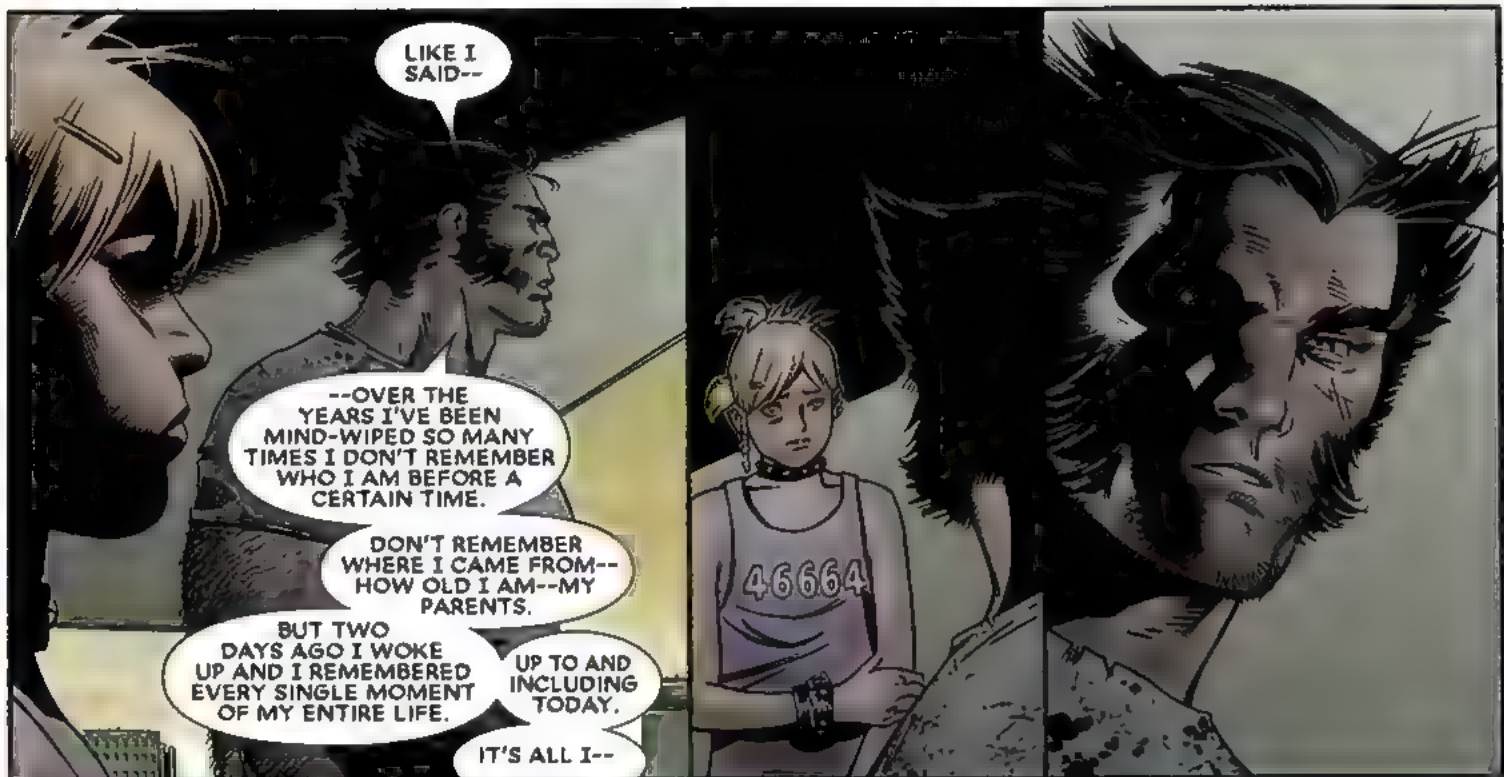
IF YOU ARE--
THEN WE BOTH
ARE.

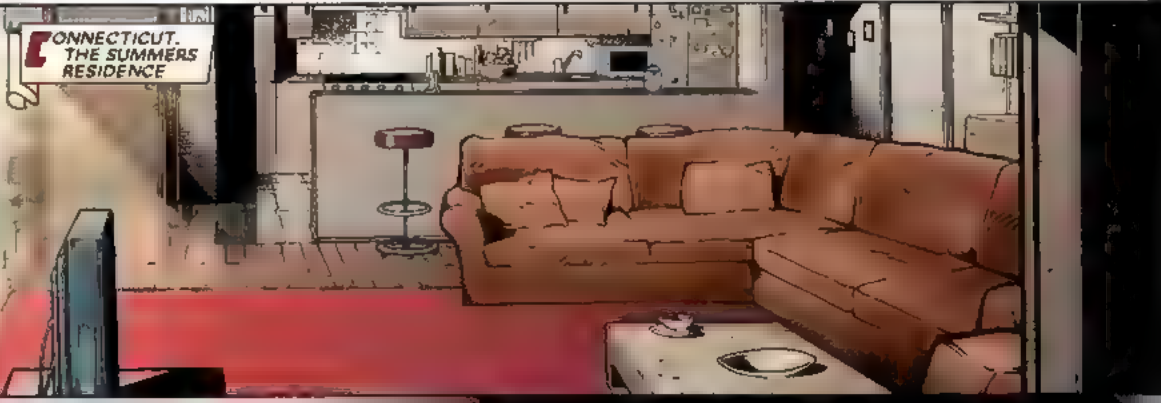
GREAT.



HEY, FURBALL.
WHY DO YOU THINK
YOU AND HER OF ALL
PEOPLE REMEMBER
THE WORLD?

(OH, AND I
STILL THINK THIS
IS ALL MUTANT
BULL, BY THE
WAY.)





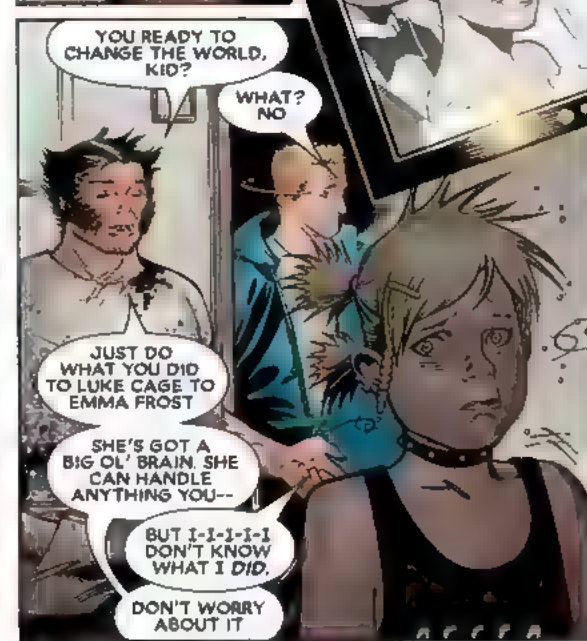
CONNECTICUT.
THE SUMMERS
RESIDENCE



RELAX,
NO ONE'S
HERE
WHOSE
HOUSE IS
THIS?
A
FRIEND
(I
THINK)



NO



YOU READY TO
CHANGE THE WORLD,
KID?

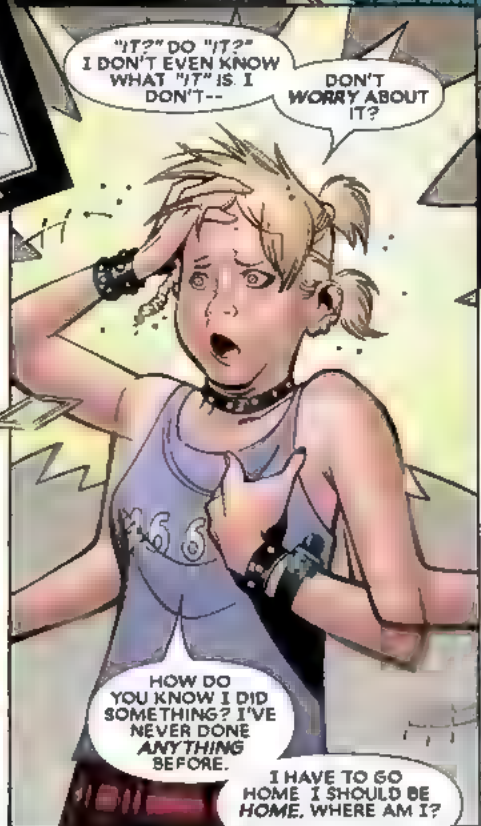
WHAT?
NO

JUST DO
WHAT YOU DID
TO LUKE CAGE TO
EMMA FROST

SHE'S GOT A
BIG OL' BRAIN. SHE
CAN HANDLE
ANYTHING YOU--

BUT I-I-I-I-I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT I DID.

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT

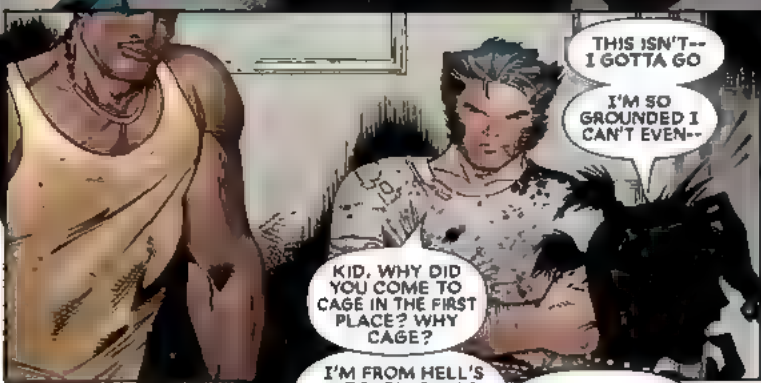


"IT?" DO "IT?"
I DON'T EVEN KNOW
WHAT "IT" IS I
DON'T--

DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
IT?

HOW DO
YOU KNOW I DID
SOMETHING? I'VE
NEVER DONE
ANYTHING
BEFORE.

I HAVE TO GO
HOME I SHOULD BE
HOME, WHERE AM I?



THIS ISN'T--
I GOTTA GO

I'M SO
GROUNDED I
CAN'T EVEN--

KID, WHY DID
YOU COME TO
CAGE IN THE FIRST
PLACE? WHY
CAGE?

I'M FROM HELL'S
KITCHEN. I WAS
KINDA LOOKING FOR
DAREDEVIL, AND I
SAW HIM FIRST

AND I JUST--
I SAW HIM AND
I--I HAD TO TELL
SOMEONE.

WHAT IS
GOING
ON?



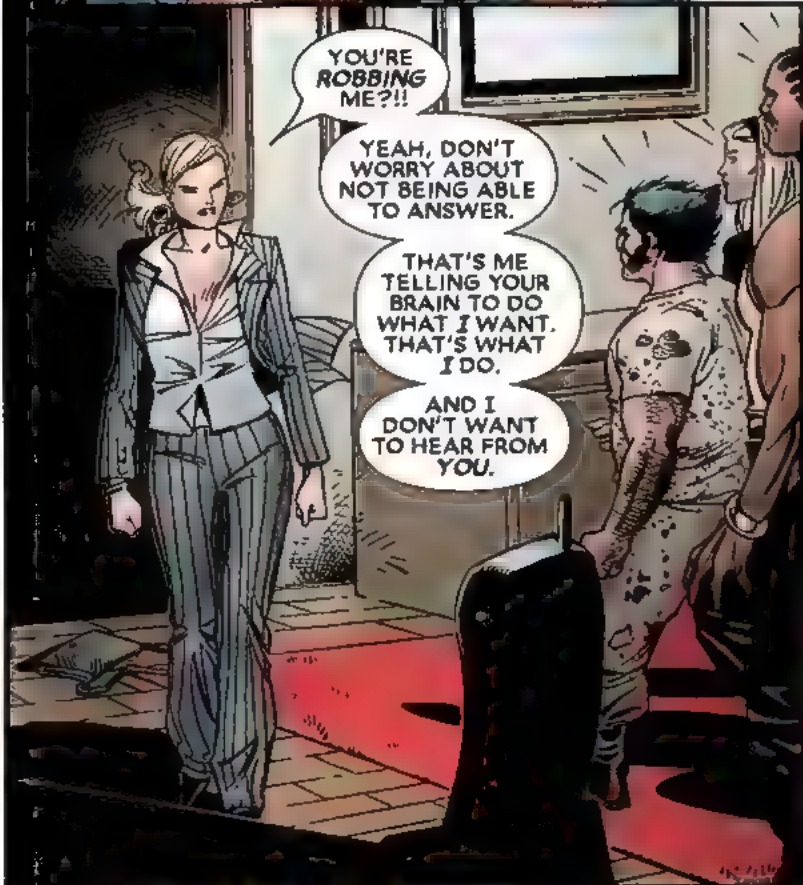
YOU'RE
A MUTANT,
KID.
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



SHE'S
HERE.
BE
COOL



HIYA,
EMS.



YOU'RE
ROBBING
ME?!!

YEAH, DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
NOT BEING ABLE
TO ANSWER.

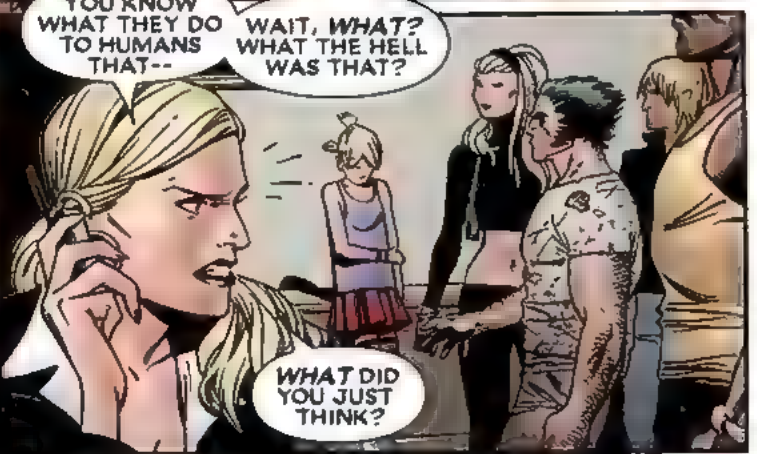
THAT'S ME
TELLING YOUR
BRAIN TO DO
WHAT I WANT.
THAT'S WHAT
I DO.

AND I
DON'T WANT
TO HEAR FROM
YOU.

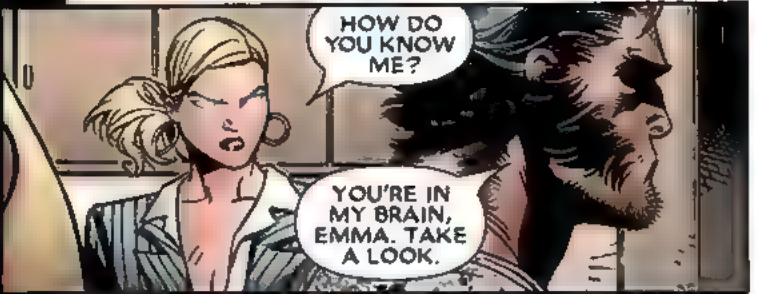


YOU KNOW
WHAT THEY DO
TO HUMANS
THAT--

WAIT, WHAT?
WHAT THE HELL
WAS THAT?

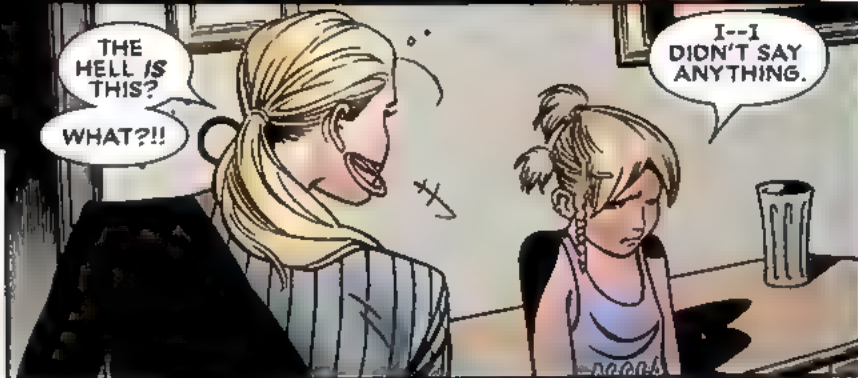


WHAT DID
YOU JUST
THINK?



HOW DO
YOU KNOW
ME?

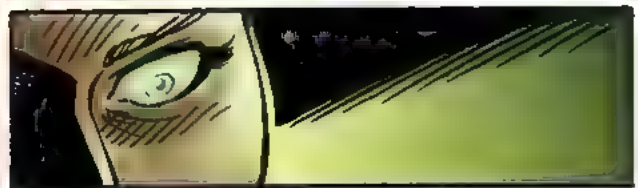
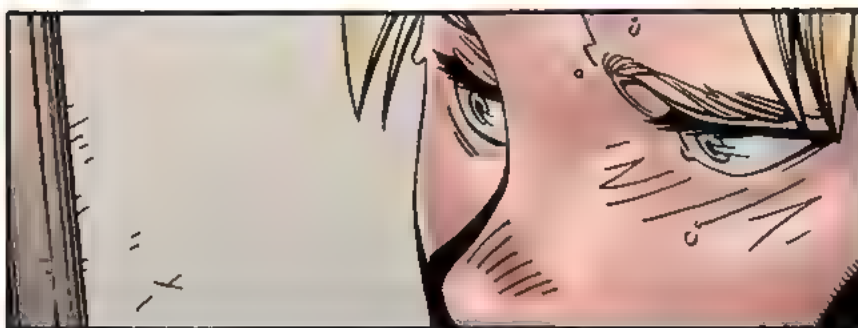
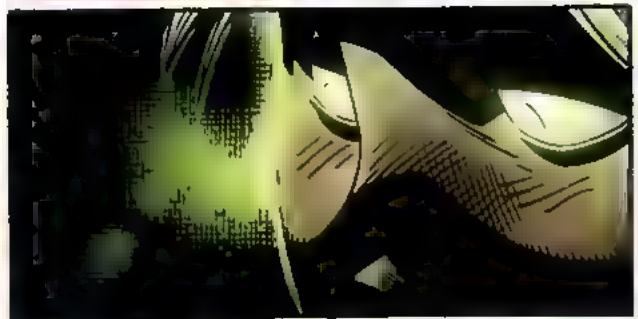
YOU'RE IN
MY BRAIN,
EMMA. TAKE
A LOOK.



THE
HELL IS
THIS?

WHAT?!!

I--I
DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING.





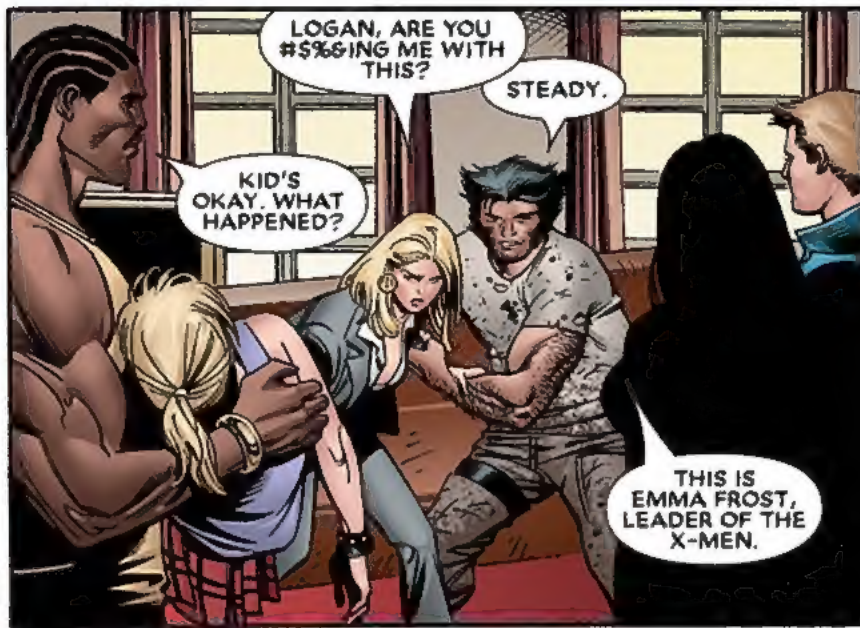
CHARLES...





NO!!

YEAH.

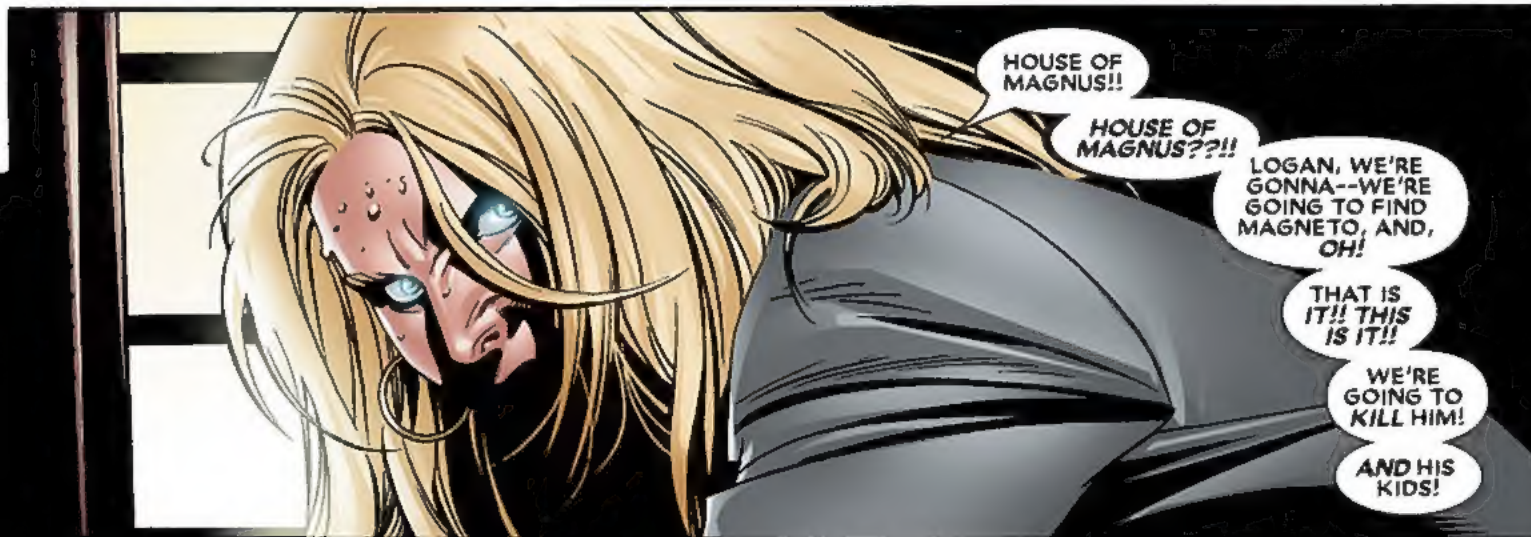


LOGAN, ARE YOU #5%6ING ME WITH THIS?

STEADY.

KID'S OKAY. WHAT HAPPENED?

THIS IS EMMA FROST, LEADER OF THE X-MEN.



HOUSE OF MAGNUS!!

HOUSE OF MAGNUS??!!

LOGAN, WE'RE GONNA--WE'RE GOING TO FIND MAGNETO, AND, OH!

THAT IS IT!! THIS IS IT!!

WE'RE GOING TO KILL HIM!

AND HIS KIDS!



YEAH, I GOT NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.



BUT--

PkLSSS

--WE'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE THAN JUST US.

AND EVEN IF WE DO...



...THAT STILL DOESN'T MEAN THE WHOLE DAMN WORLD...

...AIN'T SCREWED FOR GOOD.

TO BE CONTINUED...

Stuques



EMPIRE

